

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect input of a set of shipping policy rules from an administrator of an enterprise; and
 - apply the set of shipping policy rules to each shipping request by each of a plurality of users within the enterprise.
2. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect input from an administrator of an enterprise comprising an identification of at least one site within the enterprise; and
 - collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy rules for each of said sites.
3. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect from an administrator of an enterprise an identification of a plurality of sites within the enterprise, an identification of at least one group within each site, and an identification of at least one user within each group; and
 - collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy rules for each of said groups and for each of said sites.
4. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

collect from an administrator of an enterprise an identification of at least one sub-administrator user within the enterprise; and

collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy privileges for each such sub-administrator.

5. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

restrict shipping options available to each user within an enterprise according to input from an administrator of the enterprise of shipping policy rules.

6. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

display graphic user interface shipping selection options to a particular user within an enterprise according to shipping policy restrictions input by an administrator of the enterprise.

7. (Currently Amended) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

receive a request by a first user within an enterprise to ship a parcel, wherein the first user is designated in a memory accessible by the computer system as restricted from finalizing shipping labels, wherein the request comprises a set of partial shipment information, ~~wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label contains the set of partial shipment information, and~~ wherein the set of partial shipment information comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information;

in response to the request by the first user to ship the parcel: (A) generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises at least a machine-readable code that corresponds to the request, (B) save in the memory accessible by the computer system, a relationship between the machine-readable code and the set

of partial shipment information, and ([B])C) print the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label, wherein said printed printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises an expression of the machine-readable code;

receive an input for finalizing a shipping label for shipping the parcel from a second user within the enterprise, wherein the second user is designated in the memory accessible by the computer system as authorized to finalize shipping labels, wherein said input comprises the machine-readable code;

retrieve from the memory the set of partial shipment information according to the machine-readable code; and

generate a shipping label comprising at least a first item of information from the set of partial shipment information and according to the input from the second user.

8. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package.

9. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

generate in response to a rating request by a particular user within an enterprise for shipping a particular package a comparison display of shipping rates for each of a plurality of services offered by each carrier authorized by an administrator of the enterprise for use by the particular user.

10. (Currently Amended) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

according to a first set of instructions input by an administrator of an enterprise, designate in a memory accessible by the computer system, a first set of shipping privilege settings identifying each user of a plurality of users within

the enterprise as restricted from printing shipping labels but authorized to submit pre-processing shipping requests; [[and]]

according to a second set of instructions input by the administrator, designate in the memory, a second set of shipping privilege settings identifying at least a second user within the enterprise as authorized to print shipping labels according to a pre-processing shipping request by any user of the plurality of users; and

in response to an input by a first user of the plurality of users, display interactive graphic user interface shipping selection options to the first user according to the first set of shipping privilege settings.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a particular pre-processing shipping request to generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label ~~containing partial shipment information~~, a particular request input by ~~[[a]]~~the first user of the plurality of users to ship a particular package, wherein the particular request to ship the particular package comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information;

generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises at least a machine-readable code;

save in the memory accessible by the computer system a relationship between the machine-readable code and the particular request to ship the particular package; and

print the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label, wherein said printed printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises an expression of the machine-readable code.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

receive a particular pre-processing shipping request by a first user of the plurality of users to ship a particular package, wherein the particular pre-processing shipping request comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information;

generate an internal system tracking number in response to the particular pre-processing shipping request by the first user; and

save said internal system tracking number corresponding to the pre-processing shipping request in the memory.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

receive a particular pre-processing shipping request by a first user of the plurality of users to ship a particular package, wherein the particular pre-processing shipping request comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information; and

generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label containing partial shipment information in response to the particular pre-processing shipping request by the first user, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 12, said computer system further programmed to:

generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label in response to the particular pre-processing shipping request by the first user, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises: (A) a bar-coded expression of the internal system tracking number, and (B) a machine-readable expression of a set of partial shipment information, wherein the set of partial shipment information comprises at least one of: a destination name, a destination address, a return name, a return address, or package information.

15. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

generate in response to a link creation request by a particular user within an enterprise a hypertext link comprising a linkable address on a server computer, said address on said server computer comprising an entry point to a set of programming instructions for rating shipment of a package characterized by a set of parameters according to a set of shipping policy rules identified by an administrator of the enterprise and according to input by the particular user.

16. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed to:

save in response to a save link request by the particular user an entry in a saved packages list, said entry comprising an expression of said hypertext link.

17. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, enterprise shipping rates and custom customer shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of structuring data relationships for an online, Internet-based, -based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said method comprising:

enabling at least one user in an enterprise as an administrator for the enterprise with authority to set shipping parameter specifications for the enterprise.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18, said method further comprising:

collecting from the administrator input identifying a plurality of sites within

the enterprise;

establishing a relationship between each site identification and the enterprise; and

storing each of said site identifications and each corresponding relationship to the enterprise in a database.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 19, said method further comprising:
collecting from the administrator input identifying shipping policy rules for each of said sites; and
storing the shipping policy rules for each site in the database.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18, said method further comprising:
collecting from the administrator input identifying a plurality of sites within the enterprise wherein each site is characterized by a relationship to the enterprise;
collecting from the administrator an identification of at least one group within each site wherein each group is characterized by a relationship to a particular site;
collecting from the administrator an identification of at least one user within each group wherein each user is characterized by a relationship to a particular group; and
storing each of said site identifications, each of said group identifications, and each of said user identifications in a database.

22. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, enterprise shipping rates or custom customer shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package according to shipping policy rules established by the administrator.

23. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 7, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

(1) generate for the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label the machine-readable code[[:]]

~~(2) save in the memory accessible by the computer system, an association between the machine-readable code and the request by the first user to ship the parcel; and~~

~~(3) save the set of partial shipment information in the memory; and~~

~~(4) save an association between the machine-readable code and the set of partial shipment information in the memory.~~

24. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 23, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a completion request for the completion of the request by the first user to ship the parcel, a scan by the second user of the expression of the machine-readable code from the printed printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label.

25. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 24, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

complete the request by the first user to ship the parcel with information input by the second user.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 13, said computer system further programmed to:

generate a system tracking number in response to the particular pre-processing shipping request by the first user; and

generate the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprising a representation of a machine-readable expression of a system tracking number for tracking the parcel within the enterprise.